(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING GENE EXPRESSION

(57) Abstract: Disclosed are novel compositions and methods useful for modulating expression of a target gene in a cell by insertion of exogenous DNA sequence into the target gene. The compositions and methods of the invention are useful for generation of knockout animals including mammals.

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING GENE EXPRESSION

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention is directed generally to the biological sciences, including

5   recombinant genetics and immunology. More particularly, there are described herein non-human

knockout animals, preferably mammals, in which the expression of one or more genes has been

altered. Also provided herein are xenograft transplants in which the expression of one or more

genes has been modulated to prevent or reduce the likelihood of rejection by the transplant

recipient.

BACKGROUND

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The immune response of mammals, including humans, against invading pathogens,

toxins, and other foreign substances involves many specialized cells that act together.

Lymphocytes are a class of white blood cells responsible for the specificity of the immune

system. Two important classes of lymphocytes are T cells and B cells. T cells develop in the

15   thymus, and are responsible for cell mediated immunity. There are many types of specialized T

cells, such as for example, helper T cells (which enhance the activity of other types of white

blood cells), suppressor T cells (which suppress the activity of other white blood cells), and

cytotoxic T cells (which kill cells). B cells develop in the bone marrow and exert their effect by

producing and secreting antibodies.

20   A key to the coordinated immune response is complement, which, as described in U.S.

Patent No. 5,679,345, is involved in the pathogenesis of tissue injury observed in many

immunologically mediated diseases, such as systemic lupus, erythematosis, rheumatoid arthritis,

and immune-hemolytic anemia. Complement is also involved in rejection of transplanted organ grafts. Complement is responsible for much of the tissue injury in transplantation due to inflammatory conditions resulting from rejection or superimposed by infection, ischemia, and thrombosis of vessels in the graft, as well as tissue injury due to inflammation from similar

5   causes in patients who have not received an organ transplant. In particular, complement attack on cells is central to the rapid onset phase of immune mediated graft rejection (hyperacute rejection), where complement activation and subsequent tissue damage occur within hours.

Graft rejection may occur through a number of different mechanisms, with the time course of rejection being characteristic of the particular mechanism. Early rejection (hyperacute

10   rejection), occurring within minutes or hours of transplantation, involves complement activation by components that are present at the time of the transplant operation. Activation may occur via the classical pathway by preformed antibodies that are reactive with the "foreign" or non-self markers of the graft or via the alternative pathway in response to tissue damage in the graft as a result of, for example, ischemic damage to the organ during storage before transplantation.

15   Acute rejection occurs days to weeks after transplantation, and is caused by sensitization of the host to the foreign tissue that makes up the graft. Once the host's immune system has identified the transplanted tissue as foreign, all the resources of the immune system are marshaled against the graft, including both specific (antibody and T cell-dependent) responses and non-specific (phagocytic and complement-dependent) responses. Chronic rejection will usually only occur

20   when the graft recipient is immune-suppressed. Then the graft may survive long enough for tissue to undergo changes which ultimately affect survival of the graft. Such changes include hyperplasia and tissue hypertrophy, and endothelial cell damage leading to narrowing of the vascular lumen and potentially impairing the oxygen supply of the graft tissue.

Xenograft rejection of pig tissue is triggered by natural human antibodies that recognize

carbohydrate xeno-antigens, such as Gal α(1,3) galactose, which is expressed on pig endothelial

cells that line blood vessels. Weiss, *Science*, 285(20):1221-1222 (August 20, 1999). U.S. Patent

No. 5,821,117 describes inhibiting xenotransplant rejection by disrupting the wild type porcine

5   Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene with a cloned mutant porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

transferase sequence specifically within an exon of the wild type gene. The resultant mutant

gene does not encode a functional galactosyl transferase, with the expected result that rejection

of the transplanted xenograft by the patient's immune system is avoided.

In such so called "knockout" mammals, expression of an endogenous gene has been

10   altered (typically, suppressed) through genetic manipulation. Preparation of knockout mammals

typically has required introducing into an undifferentiated cell type (termed an embryonic stem

cell) a nucleic acid construct to suppress expression of a target gene. This cell is introduced and

integrated into a mammalian embryo. The embryo is implanted into a foster mother for the

duration of gestation. For example, Pfeffer et al. (Cell, 73:457-467 [1993]) describe mice in

15   which the gene encoding the tumor necrosis factor receptor p55 has been disrupted by mutation

utilizing homologous recombination. The mice showed a decreased response to tumor necrosis

factor signaling. Fung-Leung et al. (Cell, 65:443-449 [1991]; J. Exp. Med., 174:1425-1429

[1991]) describe knockout mice lacking expression of the gene encoding CD8. These mice were

found to have a decreased level of cytotoxic T cell response to various antigens and to certain

20   viral pathogens such as lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus.

Typical prior methods, however, describe manipulation of an exon region of the target

gene. There is thus a need in the art for new and improved methods for modulating gene

expression in animals including mammals, particularly for overcoming xenograft transplant

rejection. It is to these, as well as other, important ends that the following is addressed.

SUMMARY

It has been discovered that the expression of a particular gene in an animal may be

5   modulated by introducing into the genomic DNA of the animal a new DNA sequence that results

in the disruption of at least some portion of the DNA sequence of the gene to be modulated. The

methods described herein are of general utility for altering gene expression in animals including

mammals. In contrast to prior methods, it has surprisingly been found that gene expression may

be suppressed in part or in total by inserting new DNA sequence into the intron of the target

10   genomic DNA.

The versatility of the methods described herein for generating "knockout" animals is

illustrated by the following general description of a preferred embodiments, including the

examples. It is to be understood that while the remaining discussion is directed largely to the

utility of Gal α(1,3)galactosyl transferase knockout pigs, the utility of the methods described

15   herein is not limited to solely this protein. Rather, the following discussion is provided merely

for exemplification of their versatility and preferred use.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of introns of the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

transferase gene from within intron 3 to the end of intron 8. Dashes indicate nucleotides within

20   an exon region. Thus, nucleotide sequence numbering represents the number of bases in the

entire porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene relative to nucleotide position 1 of the insert

isolated from the lambda-2 phage clone.

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FIG. 2 shows a schematic representation of the gene targeting vector used for inactivation of the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene (see Example 1). This vector is designed to contain a sequence with homology to the 5' region of intron 3 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene, a promoterless neomycin phosphotransferase gene engineered to contain multiple

5   stop codons (engineered exon), an engineered splice acceptor site, the 5' region of intron 4 sequence for splicing the engineered exon to the downstream exon 4, and a sequence with homology to the 3' region of intron 3 to aid with annealing to the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. Arrows indicate location of primers used for PCR.

FIG. 3 shows the nucleotide sequence of the gene targeting vector used for inactivation of

10   the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene (see Example 1). This vector is designed to contain (A.) a sequence with homology to the 5' region of intron 3 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene, (B.) an intron 4 splice acceptor sequence, (C.) a promoterless neomycin phosphotransferase gene engineered to contain multiple stop codons (engineered exon), (D.) an intron 4 splice donor signal sequence, and (E.) a 3' intron 3 sequence to aid with annealing to the porcine Gal

15   α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. All underlined sequences correspond to restriction sites in the primer sequences. Bold type indicates primer regions used for PCR. Normal type indicates PCR fragment sequences.

FIG. 4 shows the nucleotide sequence for the neomycin phosphotransferase gene (the neomycin resistance gene). Bold type indicates the location of gene start and stop codons. The

20   underlined sequence corresponds to primer sequences. Nucleotides which are capitalized are within the coding region of this gene.

FIG. 5 shows the nucleotide sequence of the puromycin/bovine growth hormone poly A. The underlined sequences correspond to the puromycin gene start codon.

FIG. 6 shows a schematic representation of the gene targeting vector used for inactivation of the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene (see Example 2). This vector is designed to contain a sequence with homology to the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene 3' intron 3 sequence including the 3' intron splice acceptor sequence, a Kozak consensus sequence, a

5   promoterless puromycin gene engineered to contain a bovine growth hormone poly A sequence (engineered exon), and a sequence with 5' intron 4 sequence homology including the 5' intron splice donor sequence. Arrows indicate location of primers used for PCR.

FIG. 7 shows the nucleotide sequence of the gene targeting vector shown schematically in FIG. 6 (see Example 2). The underlined sequences correspond to the primer sequences used.

10   Bold type indicates the intron regions used for homology. The AG and GT splice consensus sequences at the 3' end of intron 3 and the 5' end of intron 4 are in upper case.

FIG. 8 shows the nucleotide sequence of the ricin A toxin gene. Nucleotides which are capitalized are within the coding region of this gene.

FIG. 9 shows a schematic representation of the collision construct used for inactivation of

15   the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene (see Example 3). This vector is designed to contain a sequence with homology to the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene 3' intron 3 sequence including the 3' intron splice acceptor sequence, a reverse orientation puromycin gene engineered to contain a bovine growth hormone poly A sequence under the control of a phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK) promoter, and a sequence with 5' intron 4 sequence homology

20   including the 5' intron splice donor sequence, and a ricin A toxin gene under the control of a cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter and containing a SV40 poly A sequence located outside the regions of homology. Arrows indicate location of primers used for PCR.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meanings as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, unless otherwise defined herein. Although any

5   methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein may be used in the practice or testing of the described methods, preferred methods, devices, and materials are now described. All publications mentioned herein are incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of describing and disclosing the cell lines, vectors, and methodologies which are reported in the publications which might be used in connection herewith.

10   As used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" are intended to include the plural reference unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to "a host cell" is intended to include a plurality of such host cells, reference to "an antibody" is intended as a reference to one or more antibodies and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth. It is to be understood that the appended claims are

15   not limited to the particular methodology, protocols, cell lines, vectors, and reagents described, which those of skill will appreciate may vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention, which is to be limited only by the appended claims.

The term "knockout" refers to the modulation of the expression of at least a portion of a

20   protein encoded by the target gene. The term "knockout construct" refers to a nucleic acid sequence that is designed to modulate a protein encoded by endogenous DNA sequences in a cell. The nucleic acid sequence used as the knockout construct is typically comprised of DNA from some portion of the gene or genes (including, but not limited to, the exon sequence, intron

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sequence, and/or promoter sequence) to be modulated and a sequence marker used to disrupt and

select for the presence of the knockout construct in the cell. The nucleic acid sequence of the

knockout construct is inserted into a cell, and integrates with the genomic DNA of the cell in

such a position so as to prevent or interrupt protein expression from the native gene. Such

5   insertion usually occurs by homologous recombination (i.e., regions of the knockout construct

that are homologous to endogenous DNA sequences hybridize to each other when the knockout

construct is introduced into the cell and recombines so that the knockout construct is

incorporated into the corresponding position of the endogenous DNA).

The knockout construct nucleic acid sequence may comprise a full or partial sequence of

10   one or more exons and/or introns of the gene to be modulated, a full or partial promoter sequence

of the gene to be modulated, or combinations thereof. In one embodiment of the invention, the

nucleic acid sequence of the knockout construct comprises a first nucleic acid sequence region

homologous to a first nucleic acid sequence region of the gene to be modulated, and a second

nucleic acid sequence region homologous to a second nucleic acid sequence region of the gene to

15   be modulated. The orientation of the knockout construct should be such that the first nucleic

acid sequence is upstream of the second nucleic acid sequence and the sequence marker should

be therebetween.

A suitable nucleic acid sequence region(s) should be selected so that there is homology

between knockout construct sequence(s) and the gene of interest. Preferably, the knockout

20   construct sequences are isogenic sequences with respect to the target sequences. The nucleic

acid sequence region of the knockout construct may correlate to any region of the gene provided

that it is homologous to the gene. A nucleic acid sequence is considered to be "homologous" if it

is at least about 90% identical, preferably at least about 95% identical, or most preferably, about

100% identical to the nucleic acid sequence. Furthermore, the 5' and 3' nucleic acid sequences

flanking the selectable marker should be sufficiently large to provide complementary sequence

for hybridization when the knockout construct is introduced into the genomic DNA of the target

cell. For example, homologous nucleic acid sequences flanking the selectable marker gene

5   should be at least about 500 bp, preferably, at least about 1 kilobase (kb), more preferably about

2-4 kb, and most preferably about 3-4 kb in length. In a preferred embodiment, both of the

homologous nucleic acid sequences flanking the selectable marker gene of the construct should

be should be at least about 500 bp, preferably, at least about 1 kb, more preferably about 2-4 kb,

and most preferably about 3-4 kb in length.

10   Another suitable DNA sequence includes cDNA sequence provided the cDNA is

sufficiently large. Each of the flanking nucleic acid sequences used to make the construct is

preferably homologous to one or more exon and/or intron regions, and/or a promoter region.

Each of these sequences is different from the other, but may be homologous to regions within the

same exon and/or intron. Alternatively, these sequences may be homologous to regions within

15   different exons and/or introns of the gene. Preferably, the two flanking nucleic acid sequences of

the knockout construct are homologous to two sequence regions of the same or different introns

of the gene of interest. In addition, it is preferred that isogenic DNA is used to make the

knockout construct of the present invention. Thus, the nucleic acid sequences obtained to make

the knockout construct are preferably obtained from the same cell line as that being used as the

20   target cell.

       In accordance with the present invention, the integration of the knockout construct

nucleic acid sequence into at least one gene of interest results in the modulation of the expression

of the gene product. "Modulating" the expression of a gene includes suppressing the expression

of the gene, disrupting the expression of the gene, eliminating the expression of the gene, altering

the expression of the gene, or decreasing the expression of the gene relative to expression of the

wild-type gene. Preferably, the integrated knockout construct results in reduced protein function

relative to native protein function. Most preferably, the integrated knockout construct results in

5   the production of a non-functional protein. Complete or absolute non-functionality of the protein

is not required.

The phrases "disruption of the gene" and "gene disruption" refer to insertion of a nucleic

acid sequence into at least one region of the native DNA sequence (usually one or more exons or

one or more introns) and/or the promoter region of a gene so as to modulate expression of that

10   gene in the cell as compared to the wild-type or naturally occurring sequence of the gene. By

way of example, a nucleic acid construct may be prepared containing a DNA sequence encoding

an antibiotic resistance gene which is inserted between the DNA sequence complementary to the

target gene DNA sequence (promoter and/or coding region) to be disrupted. When this nucleic

acid construct is then transfected into a cell, the construct will integrate into the genomic DNA

15   either randomly or into the target gene by homologous recombination. It has been found that

selection for drug resistant cells in the population of transfectants enhance the probability of

obtaining a homologous gene knockout. Thus, many progeny of the cell will no longer express

the gene, or will express it at a decreased level, as the DNA is now disrupted by the antibiotic

resistance gene.

20   In some instances, such as, for example, where the methods described herein are used to

produce cells, tissues or organs suitable for xenotransplant into humans, it may not be necessary

to completely eliminate the production of functional protein. Rather, it will be satisfactory to

reduce the production of functional protein only to a level that will, in conjunction with other

therapeutic regimens, prevent or reduce the patient's immune response and the likelihood of rejection. Thus, for example, a knockout achieved according to the methods described herein may preferably reduce the biological activity of the polypeptide normally encoded therefrom by at least about 70%, preferably at least about 80%, relative to the unmutated gene.

5   The knockout construct may be inserted into any suitable target cell for integration into its genomic DNA that may be maintained in culture. Suitable cells include, but are not limited to, fibroblast, epithelial cell, endothelial cell, transgenic embryonic fibroblast, embryonic stem cell, and primordial germ cell. In one embodiment, the knockout construct is inserted into an embryonic stem cell (ES cell) and is integrated into the ES cell genomic DNA. ES cells

10   comprising the integrated knockout construct are then injected into, and integrate with, a developing mouse embryo. In another embodiment, the knockout construct is inserted into a nuclear transfer donor cell. Suitable nuclear transfer donor cells include fibroblasts, epithelial cells, and cumulous cells. In this embodiment, the knockout construct is inserted into the nuclear transfer donor cell, and the donor cells comprising the knockout construct are fused with an

15   enucleated oocyte. The resultant fused oocyte is then transferred to a surrogate female. Furthermore, where the target cell is intended to be used to produce a knockout mammal, it is preferred that the target cell be derived from the same species as the knockout mammal to be generated. Thus, for example, pig embryonic stem cells or pig fibroblasts will usually be used for generation of knockout pigs.

20   The nucleic acid sequence of the knockout construct may be integrated into the genomic DNA of the host cell using any suitable method. In one preferred embodiment, integration is achieved by the process of homologous recombination. Homologous recombination has been described previously, for example, in Kucherlpati *et al.* (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA

81:3153-3157; Kucherlapati *et al.* (1985) Mol. Cell. Bio. 5:714-720; Smithies *et al.* (1985)

Nature 317:230- 234; Wake *et al.* (1985) Mol. Cell. Bio. 8:2080-2089; Ayares *et al.* (1985)

Genetics 111:375-388; Ayares *et al.* (1986) Mol. Cell. Bio. 7:1656- 1662; Song *et al.* (1987)

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 84:6820-6824; Thomas et al. (1986) Cell 44:419-428; Thomas and

5   Capecchi (1987) Cell 51:503- 512; Nandi *et al.* (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA

85:3845-3849; and Mansour *et al.* (1988) Nature 336:348-352, which are herein incorporated by

reference. Furthermore, various aspects of using homologous recombination to create specific

genetic mutations in embryonic stem cells and to transfer these mutations to the germline have

been described. (Evans and Kaufman (1981) Nature 294:154-146; Doctschman et al., (1987)

10   Nature 330:576-578; Thomas and Capecchi (1987) Cell 51:503-512; Thompson et al. (1989)

Cell 56:316-321.) In homologous recombination, DNA fragments between two DNA molecules

are exchanged during crossover at the site of the homologous nucleic acid sequences. Thus,

crossover would occur between the knockout construct and eukaryotic gene at the site of

homology within the 5' region of the first nucleic acid sequence of the construct (homologous to

15   the first nucleic acid region of the gene of interest). A second crossover event would occur in the

3' region of the construct homologous to the second nucleic acid region of the gene of interest.

As a result, the sequence information between these two regions of the knockout construct would

be inserted into the gene of interest in the host cell's genomic DNA.

The methods described herein may be used to produce a mammal in which one, two, or

20   more genes have been knocked out. Such mammals may be generated by repeating the

procedures set forth herein for generating each knockout construct, or by breeding two

mammals, each with a different single gene knocked out, to each other, and screening for those

with the double knockout genotype.

The term "marker sequence" or "selectable marker" refers to a nucleic acid sequence that

is used as part of the knockout construct to modulate the expression of the gene of interest, and

as a means to identify those cells that have incorporated the knockout construct into the genome.

The selectable marker may be any sequence that serves these purposes. For example, the

5   selectable marker may encode a protein that confers a detectable trait on the cell, such as an

antibiotic resistance gene, or an assayable enzyme not typically found in the target cell. The

selectable marker gene may be any nucleic acid sequence that is detectable and/or assayable,

which is used to recover transformed cell lines. One having skill in the art will be capable of

determining suitable selectable markers for use in the present invention. For example, suitable

10   selectable markers include, but are not limited to, β-lactamase (ampicillan resistance),

kanamycin resistance, gentecin resistance, puromycin-N-acetyl-transferase, hygromycin b-

phosphotransferase, thymidine kinase, and tryptophan synthetase. For example, the herpes

simplex virus thymidine kinase (tk) (Wigler, M. et al. (1977) Cell 11:223-32) or adenine

phosphoribosyltransferase (aprt) (Lowy, I. et al. (1980) Cell 22:817-23) genes, which may be

15   employed in tk or aprt cells, respectively, may be used as the selectable marker. Also,

antimetabolite, antibiotic or herbicide resistance may be used as the basis for selection; for

example, dihydrofolate reductase (dhfr), which confers resistance to methotrexate (Wigler, M. et

al. (1980) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 77:3567-70); neomycin phosphotransferase (npt), which confers

resistance to the aminoglycosides, neomycin and G-418 (Colbere-Garapin, F. et al (1981) J. Mol.

20   Biol. 150:1-14). Additional selectable genes have been described and include, for example,

tryptophan synthetase (trpB), which allows cells to utilize indole in place of tryptophan, or

histidinol dehydrogenase (hisD), which allows cells to utilize histidinol in place of histidine

(Hartman, S. C. and R. C. Mulligan (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 85:8047-51). Recently, the

use of visible markers has gained popularity with such markers as anthocyanins, beta-glucuronidase (GUS), and luciferase and its substrate luciferin, being widely used not only to identify transformants, but also to quantify the amount of transient or stable protein expression attributable to a specific vector system (Rhodes, C. A. et al. (1995) Methods Mol. Biol.

5   55:121-131). In the present invention, it is preferred that the selectable marker gene is an antibiotic resistance gene, such as the neomycin resistance gene or puromycin resistance gene.

Moreover, when the selectable marker encodes a protein, it may also contain a promoter that regulates its expression, or require expression from an endogenous promoter, preferably the target gene promoter. Thus, the selectable marker gene may be operably linked to its own

10   promoter or be promoterless. The selectable marker gene may be inserted into the knockout construct without its own promoter attached as it may be transcribed using the promoter of the gene to be suppressed. In addition, the marker gene may have a polyA signal sequence attached to the 3' end of the gene, which serves to terminate transcription of the gene and process the transcript with the addition of adenine residues at the 3' end to stabilize the mRNA.

15   In one embodiment a target gene (e.g., Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase) is modulated by insertion of an engineered exon or active gene within an intron of the target gene. In this embodiment, the target gene is prevented from being translated by insertion of an in-frame, promoterless engineered exon (e.g., an antibiotic resistance gene) that contains multiple stop codons within an intron of the target gene. Using this 'promoter-trap' strategy, the engineered exon is spliced

20   in frame upstream of the exon comprising the start codon. This results in the expression of the drug resistance gene prior to the gene of interest and concomitantly inhibits expression of the target gene due to the presence of multiple stop codons downstream of the drug resistance gene. As described

herein, any gene that confers survival of the targeted cells under appropriate selection conditions may

be used as the engineered exon.

Using the 'promoter trap' strategy, a gene targeting construct is designed which contains

a sequence with homology to an intron sequence of the target gene (*e.g.*, the intron 3 sequence of

5   the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene), a downstream intron splice acceptor signal sequence

comprising the AG dinucleotide splice acceptor site (*e.g.*, the intron 4 splice acceptor signal sequence

of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene), a promoterless selectable marker engineered exon (*e.g.*,

drug resistance gene) engineered to contain multiple stop codons, the intron splice donor signal

sequence comprising the GT dinucleotide splice donor site (*e.g.*, the intron 4 splice donor sequence of

10   the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene) for splicing the engineered exon to the immediate

downstream exon (*e.g.*, exon 4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene), and additional sequence

with homology to the intron sequence of the target gene (*e.g.*, intron 3 sequence homology of the Gal

α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene) to aid with annealing to the target gene. It will be appreciated that

the method may be used to target any intron within target gene of interest.

15   In another embodiment, the 'promoter trap' strategy is used to modulate target gene

expression by replacing an endogenous exon with an in-frame, promoterless engineered exon (*e.g.*,

an antibiotic resistance gene). The engineered exon is spliced in frame and results in the

expression of the drug resistance gene and concomitant inhibited expression of the full-length target

gene.

20   This 'promoter trap' gene targeting construct may be designed to contain a sequence with

homology to the target gene 3' intron sequence upstream of the start codon (*e.g.*, the Gal α(1,3)

galactosyl transferase gene 3' intron 3 sequence), the upstream intron splice acceptor sequence

comprising the AG dinucleotide splice acceptor site (*e.g.*, the intron 3 splice acceptor sequence), a

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Kozak consensus sequence, a promoterless selectable marker gene containing *e.g.,* a poly A

termination sequence (the engineered exon), a splice donor sequence comprising the GT dinucleotide

splice donor site from a intron region downstream of the start codon (*e.g.,* the 5' intron 4 splice donor

sequence), and a sequence with 5' sequence homology to the downstream intron (*e.g.,* 5' intron 4). It

5   will be appreciated that the method may be used to target any exon within the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

transferase gene or any other gene of interest. A representative construct useful for targeting the pig

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection

(ATCC) on 28 September 2000 with accession number _____ and is described herein in Example 2.

        In yet another embodiment, the selectable marker may be inserted into the knockout

10   construct in a reverse orientation to the targeted gene. In this embodiment, a strong promoter is

used with the selectable marker all in the reverse orientation, which drives transcription in the

reverse direction and therefore, modulates the expression of the targeted gene. The target gene is

modulated using a "collision construct" to insert an active gene in place of an exon and at least part of

the flanking introns, including the splice donor and splice acceptor sites. The inserted gene, such as a

15   selectable marker gene, is under the control of a highly active promoter such as the phosphoglycerate

kinase I (PGK) gene promoter, such that transcription of this gene causes the termination of

transcription of the endogenous gene (Rosario *et al.,* (1996) Nat. Biotech.14:1592-1596). The

selectable marker gene is further engineered to contain a transcription termination sequence. Insertion

of the engineered gene may be made to replace any exon, within any intron, or portions thereof to

20   result in a truncated transcript which modulates the expression of a functional target gene product. It

will be appreciated that this method may be used to target any intron or exon of interest of the target

gene. Positive selection for transfected cells in which the construct has been integrated may be

accomplished via expression of the selectable marker gene. As described herein, it will be appreciated

that any selection marker gene that confers survival of the targeted cells under appropriate selection

conditions may be driven by the strong PGK promoter. Additionally, a toxin gene (*e.g.,* Ricin A

toxin) is preferably engineered into the collision construct inserted to eliminate random

integration events. A representative collision construct useful for targeting the pig Gal α(1,3)

5   galactosyl transferase gene has been deposited with the ATCC on 28 September 2000 with accession

number _____ and is described herein in Example 3.

The integrated selectable marker nucleic acid in the cell is capable of modulating the

expression of the gene of interest. Expression of the selectable marker allows for selection of the

cells which comprise the integrated sequence. Modulation of the expression of the gene of

10   interest is accomplished by disruption of the endogenous gene by an engineered exon in forward

or reverse orientation with the endogenous gene.

The term "animal," as used herein, is intended to include any multicellular eukaryotic

organism, preferred among which are mammals. When used in the context of a xenograft donor,

the term "mammal" preferably includes, but is not limited to, pigs, sheep, goats, cows, deer,

15   rabbits, hamsters, rats, mice, horses, cats, dogs, and the like. Preferably, humans are excluded.

The term "progeny" refers to any and all future generations derived or descending from a

particular mammal, i.e., a mammal containing a knockout construct inserted into its genomic

DNA. Thus, progeny of any successive generation are included herein such that the progeny, the

F1, F2, F3 generations, and so on indefinitely, are included in this definition.

20   The terms "immunomodulate" and "immunomodulation" refer to changes in the level of

activity of any components of the immune system as compared to the average activity of that

component for a particular species. Thus, as used herein, immunomodulation refers to an

increase or a decrease in activity. Preferably, in accordance with the present invention, the

integration of the selectable marker into the gene of interest results in a decreased immune response, when the host cell is introduced to a patient. Immunomodulation may be detected by assaying the level of antibody reactivity, complement activity, B cells, any or all types of T cells, antigen presenting cells, and any other cells believed to be involved in immune function.

5   Additionally or alternatively, immunomodulation may be detected by evaluating the level of expression of particular genes believed to have a role in the immune system, the level of particular compounds such as cytokines (interleukins and the like) or other molecules that have a role in the immune system, and/or the level of particular enzymes, proteins, and the like that are involved in immune system functioning.

10   The target gene to be knocked out may be any gene, provided that at least some sequence information on the DNA to be disrupted is available to use in the preparation of both the knockout construct and the screening probes. It is not necessary that the entire genomic sequence of the target gene be known in order to use the methods described herein.

The target gene to be knocked out preferably will be a gene that is expressed in mature and/or immature T cells and/or B cells. It is a further preference that the target gene is expressed
15   in target antigen presenting cell, target endothelial cell, target neuronal cell, or any target cell that may be attacked by the humoral or cellular immune system of the recipient. The target gene is further preferably involved, either directly or indirectly, in the activation pathway during inflammation or immunosuppression responses by the immune system, and does not result in
20   lethality when knocked out. In accordance with the present invention, expression of target genes may advantageously be altered according to the methods described herein to produce xenotransplant cells, tissues and organs for use in humans, in order to reduce or prevent immune response and rejection by the patient.

Thus, in accordance with the present invention, any gene may be used provided that it

can undergo homologous recombination and the expression of which may be modulated by

insertion of the knockout construct of the present invention. Suitable genes include, but are not

limited to, B7.3, P-selectin, E-selectin, ICAM-1, ICAM-2 or VCAM-1, CD28, CD80, CD86,

5   CD154, major histocompatbility complex class I, ß-2-microglobulin, invariant chain (Ii),

caspase-1, caspase-3, and Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. This list is not intended to be

exhaustive. One having ordinary skill in the art would be capable of ascertaining suitable genes

to be modulated. Preferably, the gene is implicated in the immunoresponse system of a patient.

More preferably, the target gene is a porcine target gene selected from the group consisting of

10   CD 80, CD 86, B7.3, P-selectin, E-selectin, ICAM-1, ICAM-2 or VCAM-1. A presently

preferred porcine target gene is the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

The DNA sequence to be used to knock out a selected gene may be obtained using

methods well known in the art such as those described by Sambrook et al. (Molecular Cloning: A

Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989)).

15   Such methods include, for example, screening a genomic library with a cDNA probe encoding at

least a portion of the same gene in order to obtain at least a portion of the genomic sequence.

Alternatively, if a cDNA sequence is to be used in a knockout construct, the cDNA may be

obtained by screening a cDNA library with oligonucleotide probes or antibodies (where the

library is cloned into an expression vector). If a promoter sequence is to be used in the knockout

20   construct, synthetic DNA probes may be designed for screening a genomic library containing the

promoter sequence. Another method for obtaining the DNA to be used in the knockout construct

is to manufacture the DNA sequence synthetically, using a DNA synthesizer.

In another embodiment, porcine genomic DNA encoding the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

transferase gene is isolated from a lambda phage clone library. A pig genomic library is screened

using a cDNA corresponding to exon 4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. Phage are

screened and unique clones, which contain exon 4 sequences are isolated using standard library

5   screening methods. (Sambrook et al.) Clones obtained by this procedure contain inserts 15-40 kb

in length. These clones, were designated pgGT, lambda 1, lambda 2, lambda 4-1 and lambda 8-

2. Five vectors comprising unique, overlapping nucleotide sequences which span the entire the

pig Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene from within intron 3 through intron 8 have been

deposited with the ATCC: (1) a 1.6 kb insert within intron 3 of the extreme 5' end of the 18.275

10   kb lambda-2 phage clone, (2) a 6.7 kb HindIII fragment spanning intron 3 to intron 4 of the

18.275 kb lambda-2 phage clone, (3) a 4 kb HindIII fragment following the 6.7 kb fragment 2 of

the 18.275 lambda-2 phage clone, (4) a 6 kb HindIII-SalI fragment at the 3' most portion of the

18.275 lambda-2 phage clone, and (5) a 13 kb fragment of the lambda-2 phage clone spanning

exon 7 to exon 9. These five vectors were deposited with ATCC on 29 September 2000 with

15   accession numbers _____, respectively. Subclones of the various inserts were

used to generate the claimed intron sequences from within intron 3 to intron 8 as provided in

Figure 1. These sequences may be used to determine regions of sequence homology in design of

targeting constructs for modulation of the pig Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

The DNA sequence encoding the knockout construct is preferably generated in sufficient

20   quantity for genetic manipulation and insertion the target cell. Amplification may be

accomplished by known methods, such as by placing the sequence into a suitable vector and

transforming bacterial or other cells that may rapidly amplify the vector, by PCR amplification,

or by synthesis with a DNA synthesizer.

The DNA sequence to be used in producing the knockout construct is digested with a

restriction enzyme selected to cut at a location(s) such that a new DNA sequence encoding a

selectable marker gene may be inserted in the proper position within this DNA sequence. The

proper position for a selectable marker gene insertion is that which will serve to modulate

5   expression of the native gene. This position will depend on various factors such as the restriction

sites in the sequence to be cut, and whether, for example, an intron sequence, an exon sequence

or a promoter sequence is (are) to be modulated. In other words, the precise location of insertion

of the selectable marker into the DNA sequence is that which will result in the modulation of

promoter function or of synthesis of the native exon. For example, the knockout construct may

10   be engineered to insert the selectable marker entirely within a single intron of the target gene. In

this manner, the first nucleic acid sequence would comprise a region of the selected intron

upstream from the second nucleic acid sequence and the second nucleic acid sequence would be

selected comprising a region of the selected intron located downstream of the first nucleic acid

sequence. The selectable marker would be introduced between the first and second nucleic acid

15   sequences. When the construct is then introduced to the cell, the construct nucleic acid sequence

is integrated into the target gene and the selectable marker is inserted entirely within the targeted

intron.

Similarly, the construct may be engineered to insert the selectable marker within any

desired and suitable region of the gene provided that expression is modulated. For example, the

20   construct may be engineered to insert the selectable marker between two adjacent introns and

thereby completely remove an endogenous exon of the target gene, to span over a region

comprising at least a portion of an intron and at least a portion of an adjacent intron of the

targeted gene, to span over a region comprising at least a portion the promoter for the targeted

gene to an adjacent intron, to span over a region encompassing more than one targeted gene, and combinations thereof.

After the genomic DNA sequence has been digested with the appropriate restriction enzymes, the selectable marker gene is ligated into the genomic DNA sequence using methods

5   well known to the skilled artisan and described in Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*. The ends of the DNA fragments to be ligated must be compatible; this is achieved by either cutting all fragments with enzymes that generate compatible ends, or by blunting the ends prior to ligation. Blunting is done using methods well known in the art, such as for example by the use of Klenow fragment (DNA polymerase I) to fill in sticky ends.

10   The ligated knockout construct may be introduced directly into the target cell, or it may first be placed into a suitable vector for amplification prior to insertion. Preferred vectors are those that are rapidly amplified in bacterial cells such as the pBluescript II SK vector (Stratagene, San Diego, Calif.) or pGEM7 (Promega Corp., Madison, Wis.).

In another embodiment of the invention, embryonic stem (ES) cells are used as the target

15   cell for their ability to integrate into and become part of the germ line of a developing embryo so as to create germ line transmission of the knockout construct. Thus, any ES cell line that is believed to have this capability is suitable for use herein. For example, one mouse strain that is has been used for production of ES cells is the 129J strain. The cells are cultured and prepared for DNA insertion using methods well known to the skilled artisan such as those set forth by

20   Robertson (Teratocarcinomas and Embryonic Stem Cells: A Practical Approach, E. J. Robertson, ed. IRL Press, Washington, DC (1987)), Bradley et al. (*Current Topics in Devel. Biol.*, 20:357-371 (1986)), and Hogan et al. (Manipulating the Mouse Embryo: A Laboratory Manual, Cold

Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1986)), all of which are incorporated

by reference herein.

Insertion of the knockout construct into the target cells may be accomplished using a

variety of transfection methods well-known in the art. For example, suitable transfection

5   methods include electroporation, microinjection, and calcium phosphate treatment (see Lovell-

Badge, in Robertson, ed., *supra*). A preferred method of transfection is electroporation. If the

cells are to be electroporated, the targeted cells and knockout construct DNA are exposed to an

electric pulse using an electroporation machine and following the manufacturer's guidelines for

use. After electroporation, the cells are allowed to recover under suitable incubation conditions.

10   The cells are then screened for the presence of the knockout construct.

Each knockout construct DNA to be introduced into the cell must first be linearized if the

knockout construct has been inserted into a vector. Linearization is accomplished by digesting

the DNA with a suitable restriction endonuclease selected to cut only within the vector sequence

and not within the knockout construct sequence.

15   For introduction of the DNA sequence, the knockout construct DNA is added to the

target cells under appropriate conditions for the insertion method chosen. Where more than one

construct is to be introduced into the target cell, DNA encoding each construct may be

introduced simultaneously or one at a time.

Screening may be done using methods known in the art or combinations thereof. Where

20   the selectable marker gene is an antibiotic resistance gene, the cells are cultured in the presence

of an otherwise lethal concentration of the antibiotic. Those cells that survive have presumably

integrated the knockout construct. If the selectable marker gene is other than an antibiotic

resistance gene, the genomic DNA of the target cell may be extracted from the cells using

standard methods such as those described by Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*. The DNA may then be

probed on a Southern blot with a probe or probes designed to hybridize only to the selectable

marker sequence. If the selectable marker gene is a gene that encodes an enzyme whose activity

may be detected (e.g., beta-galactosidase), the enzyme substrate may be added to the cells under

5   suitable conditions, and an appropriate assay for enzymatic activity may be conducted. In

addition, the genomic DNA may be amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with probes

specifically designed to amplify DNA fragments of a particular size and sequence (i.e., only

those cells containing the knockout construct in the proper position will generate DNA fragments

of the proper size). PCR may be used in detecting the presence of homologous recombination

10   (Kim and Smithies, (1988) Nucleic Acid Res. 16:8887-8903; Joyner et al (1989) Nature

338:153-156). Primers may be used which are complementary to a sequence within the

construct and complementary to a sequence outside the construct and at the target locus. In this

way, one may only obtain DNA duplexes having both of the primers present in the

complementary chains in which homologous recombination has occurred. By demonstrating the

15   presence of the primer sequences or the expected size sequence, the occurrence of homologous

recombination is supported.

Upstream and/or downstream from the target gene knockout construct may be inserted a

gene which provides for identification of whether a double crossover has occurred. For this

purpose, any suitable marker may be used for as described herein. Preferably, the selectable

20   marker used to identify double crossovers is different than the selectable marker used to identify

the integration of the target gene knockout construct. In one preferred embodiment, the herpes

simplex virus thymidine kinase gene is employed, since the presence of the thymidine kinase

gene may be detected by the use of nucleoside analogs, such as Acyclovir or Gancyclovir, for

their cytotoxic effects on cells that contain a functional HSV-tk gene. The absence of sensitivity

to these nucleoside analogs indicates the absence of the thymidine kinase gene and, therefore,

where homologous recombination has occurred, a double crossover event has also occurred.

5   The knockout construct may be integrated into several locations in the target cell genome,

and may integrate into a different location in each cell's genome, due to the occurrence of

random insertion events. Notwithstanding random multiple integration sites, the desired location

of the insertion is in a complementary position to the DNA sequence to be knocked out. It has

been found that less than about 1-5% of the targeted cells that take up the knockout construct

will actually integrate the knockout construct in the desired location. Identification of those cells

10   with proper integration of the knockout construct is described herein.

In one embodiment of the present invention, suitably transfected target cells containing

the knockout construct in its proper location are inserted into an embryo. Insertion may be

accomplished in any suitable method known in the art. Preferably, the cells are introduced into

the embryo by microinjection. Most preferably, the cells are ES cells for injection into mouse

15   embryos. For microinjection, about 10-30 cells are collected into a micropipet and injected into

embryos that are at the proper stage of development to integrate the transfected cell into the

developing embryo. The suitable stage of development for injecting into the embryo is prior to

the formation of the germinal layer of the developing embryo as one having ordinary skill in the

art may readily determine. Preferably, the embryo is in the early blastocyst stage. By way of

20   example, mice embryos may be introduced to the transfected cells in about 3.5 days. The

embryos are obtained by perfusing the uterus of pregnant females by methods known to the

skilled artisan (e.g., Bradley (in Robertson, ed., *supra*)). Preferably, the embryos are male.

After the transfected target cell having proper integration of the target gene has been

introduced into the embryo, the embryo is implanted into the uterus of a pseudopregnant foster

mother. While any foster mother may be used, selection of the foster mother is based upon its

ability to breed and reproduce well, and to care for its young. Such foster mothers are typically

5   prepared by mating with vasectomized males of the same species. The stage of the

pseudopregnant foster mother is important for successful implantation, and is species dependent.

For mice, this stage is about 2-3 days pseudopregnant.

In another embodiment, the suitable transfected target cells are nuclear transfer donor

cells. Nuclear transfer donor cells may be virtually any somatic cell type and include fibroblasts,

10   epithelial cells, cumulus cells, *etc.* Nuclear transfer donor cells are cultured *in vitro* and targeted

using the constructs and techniques described herein via homologous recombination. Cells are

grown in the appropriate medium to allow for selection of cells comprising the having properly

integrated the knockout construct. PCR may also be done for confirmation of correctly targeted

integration. Thereafter, an unfertilized oocyte of an animal is enucleated using known methods.

15   The enucleated unfertilized oocyte is then fused to the selected knockout nuclear transfer donor

cell. Fusion may be conducted by electrical stimulation, chemical stimulation, insertion by

injection, or other known methods. The fused product is then cultured, assessed for viability and

transferred to a surrogate recipient female. For reference and methods, see *e.g.,* Campbell *et al.*

(1996) *Nature* 380:64; Wilmut *et al.* (1997) *Nature* 385:810; WO00/25578; WO97/07669;

20   WO99/36510; WO00/42174; WO99/53751; WO99/45100, which are incorporated herein by

reference.

Offspring or progeny that are born to the foster mother or surrogate recipient female are

screened (*e.g.,* by PCR) for genomic DNA comprising the knockout construct. This step is

particularly important for selecting for progeny of foster mothers that carried embryos in which

the transfected target cell was injected. On the other hand, the progeny of surrogate recipient

females that carried the transfected target cell fused with the enucleated unfertilized oocyte will

typically have the knockout construct inserted into its genome.

5   Any suitable selection method may be used. For example, if a coat color selection

strategy has been used, the offspring may be screened for a coat color indicative of proper

integration of the targeted gene into the offspring. Other methods include obtaining DNA from

the offspring and screening for the presence of the knockout construct using Southern blots

and/or PCR as described herein. Other means of identifying and characterizing the knockout

10   offspring include the use of Northern blots and Western blots. For example, Northern blots may

be used to probe the mRNA for the presence or absence of transcripts encoding either the gene

knocked out, the marker gene, or both. In addition, Western blots may be used to assess the level

of expression of the gene knocked out in various tissues of these offspring by probing the

Western blot with an antibody against the protein encoded by the gene knocked out, or an

15   antibody against the marker gene product, where this gene is expressed. *In situ* analysis (such as

fixing the cells and labeling with antibody) and/or fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS)

analysis of various cells from the offspring may be conducted using suitable antibodies to look

for the presence or absence of the knockout construct gene product.

Offspring that appear to contain the integrated knockout construct in its genome may then

20   be out-crossed to generate multiple offspring if they are believed to carry the knockout construct

in their germ line to generate F1 offspring heterozygous for the knockout construct. F1's will

then be crossed to generate homozygous knockout animals.

The heterozygotes may then be crossed with each other to generate homozygous knockout offspring. Homozygotes may be identified by any screening method as described herein. For example, the homozygotes may be identified by Southern blotting of equivalent amounts of genomic DNA from the host animal(s) that is (are) the product of this cross, as well 5   as host animals that are known heterozygotes and wild-type host animals. Probes to screen the Southern blots may be designed as set forth herein.

The knockout mammals described herein will have a variety of uses depending on the gene or genes that have been modulated. Where the targeted gene or genes modulated encode proteins believed to be involved in immunosuppression or inflammation, the knockout mammal 10   may be used to screen for drugs useful for immunomodulation, i.e., drugs that either enhance or inhibit these activities. Screening for useful drugs may involve administering the candidate drug over a range of dosages to the knockout mammal, and assaying at various time points for immunomodulatory effects of the drug on the immune disorder being evaluated. Such assays may include, for example, looking for increased or decreased T and B cell levels, increased or 15   decreased immunoglobulin production, increased or decreased levels of chemical messengers such as cytokines (e.g., interleukins and the like), and/or increased or decreased levels of expression of particular genes involved in the immune response.

For example, patients undergoing chemotherapy often experience immunosuppression. It would be desirable to activate the immune system of such individuals by administering to the 20   patient a therapeutic agent capable of producing such an effect. A knockout mammal as described herein could be used to screen a variety of compounds, either alone or in combination, to determine whether partial or total restoration or activation of the immune response results.

Similarly, the same strategy could be applied to find compounds that would be useful in

suppressing the inflammatory response observed in many patients with arthritis, or useful in

suppressing the autoimmune phenomenon observed in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and

lupus. In addition, mammals may be useful for evaluating the development of the immune

5   system, and for studying the effects of particular gene mutations.

In a preferred embodiment, the knockout mammals described herein are used for

xenograft transplantation into human patients. The xenograft tissue may be from any mammal,

preferably a pig. The xenotransplanted tissue may be in the form of an organ including, for

example, a kidney, a heart, a lung, or a liver. Xenotransplant tissue may also be in the form of

10   parts of organs, cell clusters, and glands including, for example, lenses, pancreatic islet cells,

skin, corneal tissue, and the like.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, the target gene is the Gal $\alpha(1,3)$ galactosyl

transferase gene in pigs. The Gal $\alpha(1,3)$ galactosyl transferase is an attractive target for

knockout in the pig. This enzyme is responsible for the addition of a carbohydrate residue,

15   Gal $\alpha(1,3)$ Gal, that is recognized by human IgM and IgG antibodies in pig-to-human

xenotransplanted tissue and leads to subsequent hyperacute rejection. Knockout pigs, which lack

the Gal $\alpha(1,3)$ galactosyl transferase gene, may thus potentially serve as a rich source for

xenotransplanted organs. Nucleic acid sequences encoding Gal $\alpha(1,3)$ galactosyl transferase and

mutants thereof are disclosed. Preferably, the nucleotide sequence encodes pig Gal $\alpha(1,3)$

20   galactosyl transferase. Nucleotide sequences may be in the form of DNA, RNA or mixtures

thereof. Nucleotide sequences or isolated nucleic acids may be inserted into replicating DNA,

RNA or DNA/RNA vectors (as are well known in the art), such as plasmids, viral vectors, and

the like (Sambrook et al, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor

Laboratory Press, NY, Second Edition 1989).

Nucleotide sequences encoding Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase may include promoters,

enhancers and other regulatory sequences for expression, transcription and translation. Vectors

5   encoding such sequences may include restriction enzyme sites for the insertion of additional

genes and/or selection markers, as well as elements necessary for propagation and maintenance

of vectors within cells.

Targeting constructs comprising nucleotide sequences, and mutants thereof, of the Gal

α(1,3)galactosyl transferase are particularly preferred as they may be used to inactivate wild type

10   Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase genes according to the methods of the present invention.

Mutant Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase nucleotide sequences include, but are not limited to,

nucleotide deletions, insertions, substitutions and additions to wild type Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

transferase, such that the resultant mutant does not encode a functional galactosyl transferase.

These nucleotide sequences may be utilized in the methods of modulating expression of

15   galactosyl transferase of the present invention. In this manner, mutant sequences are recombined

with wild type genomic sequences in the target cells.

In a most preferred embodiment, knockout pigs are produced in which the

Gal α(1,3)galactosyl trasferase gene produces a non-functional protein. By producing a non-

functional protein, the human antibody that would otherwise bind to the Gal α(1,3)Gal epitope

20   expressed on the xenotransplanted tissue does not bind, so that immune responses which give

rise to tissue rejection are prevented. In this embodiment, any knockout construct capable of

modulating the interaction between antibodies directed to the Galα(1,3) galactosyl transferase

linkage may be used.

EXAMPLES

The following examples are for purposes of illustration only, and are not intended to limit

5   the scope of the disclosure or claims.

EXAMPLE 1

Inactivation of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene by insertion of an engineered active

gene in the form of an engineered exon within intron 3.

In this example, the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase protein is prevented from being

10   translated by insertion of an in-frame, promoterless engineered exon (*e.g.,* an antibiotic resistance

gene) that contains multiple stop codons within an intron of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

Using this 'promoter-trap' strategy, the engineered exon is spliced in frame upstream of exon 4 of the

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. This results in the expression of the drug resistance gene prior

to the gene of interest and concomitantly inhibits expression of the transferase gene due to the

15   presence of multiple stop codons downstream of the drug resistance gene. As described herein, any

gene that confers survival of the targeted cells under appropriate selection conditions may be used as

the engineered exon, including, but not limited to, ampicillin, kanamycin, genticin, neomycin

phosphopotransferase, puromycin-N-acetyl-transferase, hygromycin b-phosphotransferase, thymidine

kinase, and tryptophan synthetase. The present example employs neomycin.

20   A gene targeting construct is designed which contains a sequence with homology to the

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene 5' intron 3 sequence, an intron 4 splice acceptor signal

sequence, a promoterless neomycin phosphotransferase gene engineered to contain multiple stop

codons (engineered exon), the intron 4 splice donor sequence for splicing the engineered exon to the

downstream exon 4, and additional intron 3 sequence homology to aid with annealing to the porcine

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. Although this example describes targeting intron 3, it will be

apppreciated that the method may be used to target any intron within the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

5   transferase gene or any other gene of interest.   A sequence listing of the introns in the Gal α(1,3)

galactosyl transferase gene (from within intron 3 to the end of intron 8) is provided in Figure 1. A

schematic diagram of the targeting vector and corresponding nucleotide sequence are shown in

Figures 2 and 3.

The gene targeting construct is generated by ligating 5 distinct DNA fragments (1-5

10   below) together to form the final gene targeting construct using standard molecular biology

techniques well known to those skilled in the art. The PCR reactions use the ELONGASE

Enzyme Mix (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD) according to the manufacturer's

instructions. In the present example, a 50 ul final reaction volume is used, with 2 ul of DNA

template, 1 ul of ELONGASE Enzyme Mix, 60 mM Tris-SO_4 (pH9.1) 18mM $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, 1.2

15   mM $MgSO_4$, 200mM dNTP mix, 10% DMSO and 200nM of each primer. The reaction is hot

started at 95°C for 1 minute and followed by 30-40 cycles in a standard PCR thermocycler

(GeneAmp PCR System 2400; PE Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA).

1.   A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) product consisting of intron 3 sequences as listed in

Figures 1 and 3, nucleotide numbers 10-4020, is generated using standard PCR conditions for

20   long range PCR of genomic fragments. Primers used include a 5' primer containing a NotI

restriction site and intron 3 sequences 10-23 (GGCGGCCGCAGGCCTCACTGGCC); and a 3'

primer containing a SalI restriction site and sequences homologous to intron 3 sequences 3999-

4020 (GGTCGACGGATGCTGGGTGGAATAACAGG), where underlined sequence

indicates restriction sites and bold type indicates homology to endogenous sequences. An additional guanine nucleotide is added to the 5' end of all probes in this example to balance out 1 bp deletions that sometimes occur during cloning.

2.   A PCR product is generated consisting of intron 4, the 3' splice sequence (the pyrimidine

5   rich lariot and Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase intron 3 dinucleotide acceptor sequences) and 196 bases 5' flanking the **ag** dinucleotide acceptor site (nucleotides 11521-11716 in Figures 1 and 3). Primers used include a 5' primer containing a SalI restriction site (G GTCGAC CCACCGTTTGATCTGAG); and a 3' primer containing a EcoRI restriction site and the complementary strand homologous to the pyrimidine rich lariot and Gal α(1,3)

10   galactosyl transferase dinucleotide acceptor sequences (G GAATTC CTAAAAGCAAATGGAAATAAAAACATATC), where underlined sequences indicate restriction sites and bold type indicates sequences with homology to the endogenous sequence.

3.   A PCR product consisting of a neomycin resistance gene (Genbank Accession

15   #AF081957; Figure 4) is generated using a 5' primer containing an EcoRI restriction site, and homology to the neomycin resistance gene, including the ATG start codon (G GAATTC AATGGATCCCCACCATGGG); and a 3' primer containing a HindIII restriction site and complementary strand sequences to the 3' coding region of the neomycin gene, including the natural stop codon followed by two additional engineered stop codons

20   (G AAGCTT CGGCTATTACTAAGTAGTGGATATCC), where underlined sequences indicate restriction sites and bold type indicates sequences with homology to the endogenous sequence (see Figures 3 and 4).

4.   A PCR product is generated containing the 5' splice donor sequences for intron 4 of the

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene, corresponding to sequences 4938-5173 in the claimed

sequence comprising intron 4 (Figures 1 and 3). Primers used include a 5' primer containing a

HindIII site and sequence identity to intron 4, sequences 4938-4962, including the Gal α(1,3)

5   galactosyl transferase dinucleotide splice site (GAAGCTTGTAATTATGAAACATGATG);

and a 3' primer containing a PstI site and complementary strand sequence from intron 4

corresponding to nucleotide numbers 5152-5173 and includes multiple stop codons

(GCTGCAGCCACAGGTCACGGCAATGCGG); where underlined sequences indicate

restriction sites and bold type indicates sequences with homology to the endogenous sequence.

10   5.   A PCR product containing 1150 nucleotides of intron 3, corresponding to nucleotides

4024-4826 of the claimed sequence (Figures 1 and 3). Primers used include a 5' primer

containing a PstI site and sequences 4024-4050 of the claimed sequence

(GCTGCAGCCCTCTTCAACTACAATTTCATGCAGC); and a 3' primer containing a XhoI

restriction site and complementary strand sequences to 4801-4826 of the claimed sequence

15   (GCTCGAGAGAAAATTAGATTAAATACACCCAGAG);

where underlined sequences indicate restriction sites and bold type indicates sequences with

homology to the endogenous sequence.

Each PCR fragment (steps 1-5) is separately amplified. A single PCR fragment is cloned

into the pCR2.1 vector (Invitrogen , San Diego, CA) according to the manufacturer's ligation

20   instructions. The recombinant plasmid DNA is transformed into a suitable bacterial host

(Invitrogen, San Diego, CA). The bacteria are cultured and plasmid DNA is isolated. Plasmid

DNA with the correct insert, as determined by restriction analysis and sequence analysis, is used

to construct the final product.

Following PCR fragment amplification, a series of ligations is performed to clone the

final construct in the bacterial plasmid pBS SK+ (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA).

a.   The HindIII-PstI fragment from the intron 4 PCR product (step 4) and the PstI-XhoI 3'

homology fragment from intron 3 (step 5 above) are ligated to a pBS SK+ vector DNA following

5   digestion with HindIII and XhoI. The 3 DNA fragments are mixed in equal molar ratios and

incubated in the presence of T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA) according to

the manufacturer's recommendations. Following ligation, the recombinant plasmid DNA is

transformed into a suitable bacterial host (DH10B, Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD). The

bacteria are cultured, and plasmid DNA is isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert, as

10   determined by restriction analysis and sequence analysis, is used to construct the final product.

b.   The resulting plasmid (step 5a) is digested with HindIII and EcoRI and ligated with the

HindIII-EcoRI Neomycin resistance gene fragment (step 3), that has been previously digested

with HindIII and EcoRI. The resulting recombinant plasmid DNA is transformed into a suitable

bacterial host (DH10B, Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD). The bacteria are cultured, and

15   plasmid DNA is isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert, as determined by restriction analysis

and sequence analysis, is used to construct the final product.

c.   The resulting plasmid (step 5b) is digested with EcoRI and NotI and ligated to the SalI-

EcoRI intron 4-3' splice fragment (step 2) previously digested with SalI and EcoRI and the intron

3 4 kb NotI-SalI fragment (step 1) previously digested with NotI and SalI. The 3 DNA

20   fragments are incubated in equal molar ratios in the presence of T4 DNA ligase (New England

Biolabs, Beverly, MA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Following ligation,

the recombinant plasmid DNA is transformed into a suitable bacterial host (DH10B, Life

Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD). The bacteria are cultured, and the recombinant plasmid DNA

is isolated.

This final construct is used to transfect porcine embryonic fibroblasts, transgenic pig

fibroblasts, or porcine embryonic stem cells, or porcine primordial germ cells. Cell clones that

5 are resistant to neomycin are screened by PCR to determine the site of integration. A primer

located in the region of intron 4 not incorporated into the final construct (complementary strand

of 5407-5427; GGACAATGGCAACATGGCAGG; see Figures 1 and 3) is used in combination

with the 5' neomycin gene primer (step 3). Only targeted insertions yield the appropriate sized

PCR fragment. All other integration events produce a negative result.

10 Cell clones with a targeted insertion are then used to generate transgenic animals using

nuclear transfer techniques, or in the case of the stem cells, used to inject into developing

blastocysts and produce chimeric offspring.

EXAMPLE 2

Inactivation of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene by replacement of exon 4 with an active

15 gene in the form of an engineered exon.

In this example, the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase protein was prevented from being

translated by replacing an endogenous exon (exon 3) with an in-frame, promoterless engineered

exon (an antibiotic resistance gene) that contained a bovine growth hormone poly A sequence

attached to the 3' end of the gene, which served to terminate transcription of the engineered exon.

20 The engineered exon was spliced in frame, so as to take advantage of the endogenous promoter

typically used by the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene ('promoter-trap' strategy). This resulted

in the expression of the drug resistance gene and concomitantly inhibited expression of the full-length

Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. As described herein, any gene that confers survival of the targeted cells under appropriate selection conditions may be used as the engineered exon, including, but not limited to, ampicillin, kanamycin, genticin, neomycin phosphopotransferase, puromycin-N-acetyl-transferase, hygromycin b-phosphotransferase, thymidine kinase, and tryptophan synthetase.

5   The present example utilizes puromycin.

A gene targeting construct was designed which contained a sequence with homology to the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene 3' intron 3 sequence, an intron 3 splice signal sequence (splice acceptor sequence), a Kozak consensus sequence, a promoterless puromycin N-acetyl transferase gene linked to a bovine growth hormone poly A sequence (bpoly A) (engineered exon),

10   the 5' intron 4 splice signal sequence (splice donor sequence), and a sequence with 5' intron 4 sequence homology. Exon 4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene codes for ATG start codon and the N-terminal portion of the protein. Although this example describes targeting introns 3 and 4, it will be appreciated that the method may be used to target any exon within the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene or any other gene of interest. A sequence listing of the introns in the Gal α(1,3)

15   galactosyl transferase gene (from within intron 3 to the end of intron 8) is provided in Figure 1.

The gene targeting construct was generated by ligating two distinct DNA fragments together to form the final gene targeting construct using standard molecular biology techniques well known to those skilled in the art. The first DNA fragment was obtained from the 3' end of intron 3 containing the 3' splice sequence (the pyrimidine-rich branch site used in forming the

20   lariot during splicing and the AG dinucleotide splice acceptor sequence). The second DNA fragment was obtained from the 5' end of intron 4 containing the GT dinucleotide splice donor sequence. The fragments were ligated into the pBluescript vector containing a Kozak consensus sequence in-frame with the coding sequence of a promotorless puromycin gene linked to the

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bovine growth hormone poly A sequence (Figure 5) to form the final gene construct. A

schematic diagram of the targeting vector and corresponding nucleotide sequence are shown in

Figures 6 and 7. Additionally, this construct has been deposited with ATCC on 28 September

2000 with accession number _____.

5   1.   Generation of the first DNA fragment.

The first DNA fragment was a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) product consisting of

intron 3 sequence as shown in Figure 7 (nucleotide numbers 235-4851, positions relative to

nucleotide position 1 of the insert isolated from the lambda phage clone) and generated using

standard PCR conditions as described by Randolf et al., (1996) for long range PCR of genomic

10   fragments. The 5' primer, consisting of intron 3 sequences 235-260, was

5'-AAGATTATAAATAGCCTCGTGTCAGG-3'. The 3' reverse primer sequence was

complementary to sequence 4827-4851 at the extreme 3' end of intron 3 and containing the AG

splice acceptor site, and was 5'-CTCCTGGGAAAAGAAAAGGAGAAGG-3'.

PCR reaction conditions to generate the 4.616 kb intron 3 sequence were performed using

15   the ELONGASE Enzyme Mix (Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD) according to

manufacturer's conditions. In the present example, a 50 µl final reaction volume was used, with

2 ul of DNA template, 1ul of the ELONGASE Enzyme Mix, 60 mM Tris SO_4 (pH 9.1), 18 mM

$(NH_4)2SO_4$, 1.2 mM MgSO4, 200 mM dNTP mix, 10% DMSO and 200 nM of each primer. The

reaction was hot started at 95°C for 1 min, followed by 30-40 cycles in a standard PCR machine

20   (e.g., Gene Amp PCR Systems 2400; PE Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA).

2.   Preparation of the PCR2.1 cloning vector.

The Not I site of the PCR2.1 cloning vector (Invitrogen, San Diego, CA) was destroyed

to avoid carrying over a second Not I site into the final construct. The Not I site was unique and

used to linearize the final plasmid construct. The PCR2.1 vector was digested with Not I and the

overhangs filled-in using the Klenow enzyme (Roche Molecular Biochemicals, Indianapolis, IN)

according to the manufacturer's specifications. The plasmid was re-ligated using T4 DNA ligase

(New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

5   Plasmid DNA was transformed into a suitable bacterial host (Top 10 F', Invitrogen, San Diego,

CA). The bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated and incubated with Not I

enzyme to confirm loss of this site by restriction analysis.

3.   Insertion of the first DNA fragment into the PCR2.1 vector.

        Following PCR, the 4.616 kb fragment was ligated into the modified PCR2.1 vector

10   using T4 DNA ligase according to the manufacturer's specifications. Plasmid DNA was

transformed into a suitable bacterial host (e.g.,Top 10 F', Invitrogen, San Diego, CA). The

bacteria are cultured and plasmid DNA is isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert in the proper

orientation, as determined by restriction analysis and sequence analysis, was used to construct

the final product.

15   4.   Preparation of the second DNA fragment.

        A 2.084 kbp PCR product consisting of the intron 4 homology sequence containing the

GT dinucleotide donor consensus splice sequence was constructed using standard PCR

conditions as described above in step 1. The 5' primer consisting of sequence 4938-4961 at the

extreme 5' end of intron 4 was 5'-GTAATTATGAAACATGATGAAATG-3'. The 3' primer

20   was homologous to the complementary strand of intron 4 at position 6997-7021 and has the

sequence 5'-AGCCAGCGCTTACTAAGTACGTTGC-3'

5.   Insertion of the second DNA fragment into the PCR2.1 vector.

Following PCR, the 2.084 kb fragment was ligated into the pCR2.1 vector from

Invitrogen (San Diego, CA) using the manufacturer's ligation conditions. Following ligation, the

recombinant plasmid DNA was transformed into a suitable bacterial host (Top 10 F', Invitrogen,

San Diego, CA). The bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated. Plasmid with the

5   correct insert, and orientation in the plasmid, as determined by restriction analysis and sequence

analysis, was used to construct the final product.

6.   Preparation of a synthetic oligonucleotide linker sequence.

A synthetic oligonucleotide linker containing a Kozak consensus sequence and relevant

restriction enzyme sites was prepared for in-frame cloning of the promoterless puromycin gene:

10   Xho I | Kozak seq.--- | HpaI | Hind III | Bgl II | Sal | Eco RV | Eco RI
        TCGAGCCACCATGGTTAACAAGCTTAGATCTGTCGACGATATCG
            CGGTGGTACCAATTGTTCGAATCTAGACAGCTGCTATAGCTTAA

7.   Assembly of the gene targeting construct.

The following ligations were performed to generate the final construct in the bacterial

15   plasmid pBS KS+ (Strategene , La Jolla, CA). The final construct is illustrated in Figure 6:

a.   The oligonucleotide linker containing the Kozak consensus sequence (step 6) was ligated

to the pBS KS+ vector DNA following digestion with Xho I and Eco RI. Ligation was carried

out using at least a 3:1 molar ratio of linker to vector in the presence of T4 DNA ligase (New

England Biolabs, Beverly, MA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Following

20   ligation, the recombinant plasmid was transformed into a suitable bacterial host (XL1-Blue

MRF', Strategene , La Jolla, CA). The bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated.

Restriction enzyme analysis was performed to confirm successful ligation using unique

restriction sites within the linker (Bgl II or Hpa I). This plasmid containing the linker was then

used to construct the final product.

b.   The resulting "mother" plasmid (step 7a) was then digested with Eco RV and Spe I to

clone in the 3' arm of the targeting construct. The 2.084 kb PCR fragment cloned into the PCR

5   2.1 vector (step 5) was digested with Eco RV and Spe I, isolated away from vector DNA by

agarose gel electrophoresis and purified. The 2.084 kb fragment was ligated between the EcoRV

and Spe I sites of the mother plasmid (step 7a). Ligation was carried out using a 3:1 molar ratio

of insert to vector in the presence of T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA)

according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Following ligation, the recombinant plasmid

10   was transformed into a suitable bacterial host (XL1-Blue MRF', Strategene , La Jolla, CA). The

bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert, as

determined by restriction analysis and sequence analysis, was then used to construct the final

product.

c.   The next fragment cloned into the mother plasmid (step 7b) was the cassette containing

15   the promoterless puromycin gene coding sequence with the bovine growth hormone gene polyA

signal sequence attached to its 3' end following the TGA stop codon (Figure 5). The PGK

puromycin bpolyA plasmid (used as a positive control for puromycin resistance of transformed

cells) was digested with Hind III and Xho I. The puromycin bpolyA fragment was separated

away from the rest of the vector DNA containing the PGK promoter by electrophoresis on a

20   0.7% agarose gel and purified. The mother plasmid (step 7b) was digested with Hind III and Sal

I. The Hind III/Xho I puromycin bpolyA cassette was ligated to the Hind III and Sal I sites of the

mother plasmid. Ligation was carried out using a 3:1 molar ratio of insert to vector in the

presence of T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA) according to the

manufacturer's recommendations. Following ligation, the recombinant plasmid was transformed

into a suitable bacterial host (XL1-Blue MRF', Strategene, La Jolla, CA). The bacteria were

cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert, as determined by

restriction analysis and sequence analysis, was used to construct the final product.

5   d.   The final cloning step involved ligating the 5' arm of the construct, which was the 4.616

kb intron 3 insert from the PCR2.1 vector (step 3). The PCR2.1 vector (step 3) was digested

with Kpn I and Xho I. The 4.616 kb PCR fragment was isolated away from vector DNA by

agarose gel electrophoresis and purified. The 4.616 kb Kpn I/Xho I insert was ligated into the

mother plasmid (step 7c) that was digested with Kpn I and Xho I. Ligation was carried out using

10   equimolar ratio of insert to vector in the presence of T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs,

Beverly, MA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Following ligation, the

recombinant plasmid was transformed into a suitable bacterial host (XL1-Blue MRF',

Strategene, La Jolla, CA). The bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA was isolated by

standard molecular biology techniques. Plasmid with the correct insert, as determined by

15   restriction analysis and sequence analysis, was used as the final product.

e.   The final construct may be used to transfect porcine embryonic fibroblasts, transgenic

porcine fibroblasts, or porcine embryonic stem cells, or porcine primordial germ cells. Cell

clones that are resistant to puromycin may be screened by PCR to determine the site of

integration by methods well known to those of skill in the art. A primer located in a region of

20   intron 4, which is not incorporated into the final construct, may be used in combination with a 5'

puromycin gene primer. Only targeted insertions will yield the appropriate size PCR fragment.

All other integration events will produce a negative result.

Cell clones with a targeted insertion may then be used to generate transgenic animals

using nuclear transfer techniques, or in the case of stem cells, used to inject into developing

blastocysts and produce chimeric offspring.

Example 3

5   Inactivation of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene by replacement of exon 4 with an a reverse

orientation active gene.

In this example, the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene was functionally inactivated by

using a "collision construct" to insert an active gene in place of an exon and at least part of the

flanking introns, including the splice donor and splice acceptor sites. The inserted gene is under the

10   control of a highly active promoter such as the phosphoglycerate kinase I (PGK) gene promoter, such

that transcription of this gene causes the termination of transcription of the endogenous gene (Rosario

et al., (1996) Nat. Biotech.14:1592-1596). Exon 4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene codes

for ATG start codon and the N-terminal portion of the protein. Thus, the insertion was made to

replace exon 4 as well as a portion of the flanking introns 3 and 4, resulting in a truncated transcript

15   that did not code for a functional enzyme. Although this example describes targeting introns 3 and 4,

this method could be used to target any introns within the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene or

any other gene of interest. A sequence listing of the introns in the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase

gene (from within intron 3 to the end of intron 8) is provided in Figure 1.

In this example, the PGK promoter was inserted driving the expression of the puromycin

20   resistance gene with the bovine growth hormone poly A (bpolyA) transcription termination

sequence. This gene replaced the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase exon 4 as well as a portion of the

flanking intron 3 and 4 sequences by standard homologous recombination techniques utilizing intron 3

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and 4 sequences for homology flanking the inserted gene. Intron 3, which separates exons 3 and 4, is

greater than 5 kb in length, and a construct was built such that there was at least about 4.6 kb of

homologous sequence on one end of the gene. Intron 4, which separates exons 4 and 5 is about 6.8 kb

in length, and the construct was built such there is at least about 2.2 kb of homologous sequence on

5   the other end of the gene. Positive selection for transfected cells in which the construct has been

integrated was accomplished via expression of the puromycin resistance gene. As described herein, it

will be appreciated that any selection marker gene that confers survival of the targeted cells under

appropriate selection conditions may be driven by the strong PGK promoter. Additionally, a toxin

gene was inserted to eliminate random integration events.

10   The collision construct was generated using standard molecular biology techniques well

known to those skilled in the art. The 4.616 kb intron 3 homology fragment and the 2.084 kb

intron 4 homology fragment were generated using PCR and cloned into the PCR2.1 cloning

vector as described in Example 2, steps 1-5 above for the replacement targeting construct. The

generation of the collision construct first involved ligating the 2.084 kb intron 4 homology

15   fragment into the pBS KS+ vector as the 3' arm of the collision construct, followed by the PGK-

puromycin-bovine polyA cassette in the opposite orientation to the coding sequence of the GT

gene. The 4.616 kb intron 3 homology fragment, as the 5' arm, was cloned in next. This

generated the targeting construct for homologous recombination. The ricin A toxin gene was

also added to the plasmid outside the region of homology, which will effectively kill a

20   percentage of the cells in which random integration has occurred. The ricin A toxin gene was

PCR amplified and cloned based upon the published sequence (Figure 8). A schematic diagram

of the final construct is shown in Figure 9. Additionally, this collision construct has been

deposited with ATCC on 28 September 2000 with accession number _____.

1.   The 2.084 kb 3' arm of the construct (intron 4 homology fragment) was the first fragment

to be ligated into the pBluscript cloning vector, which was modified to contain the XhoI – EcoRI

linker (see Example 2, step 6) within its multiple cloning site (pBS KS+). The ligation of the

linker into the vector is described above in Example 2, step 7a, and ligation of the 2.084 kb 3'

5   arm into the Eco RV and Spe I sites of the vector is described above in Example 2, step 7b.

2.   The next step involved ligation of the PGK puromycin bovine polyA cassette into the

pBS KS+ vector, which contained the 2.084 kb 3' arm. The PGK-puro-bPA cassette was

digested with Eco RI which was immediately 5' of the PGK promoter. The Eco RI overhangs

were blunted by filling in with Klenow enzyme (Roche Molecular Biochemicals, Indianapolis,

10   IN) using the manufacturer's specifications. The PGK-puro-bPA cassette was then released

from the vector by digestion with Xho I, which was immediately 3' of the bovine polyA

sequence. The blunted PGK-puro-bPA-Xho I cassette was separated from vector DNA by

agarose gel electrophoresis and purified. The pBS KS+ vector (step 1) was digested with Hpa I

and Xho I, and the blunted PGK-puro-bPA-Xho I fragment was ligated between the Hpa I and

15   Xho I sites of the vector. Following ligation, the recombinant plasmid was transformed into a

suitable bacterial host (XL1-Blue MRF', Strategene, La Jolla, CA). The bacteria were cultured,

and plasmid DNA was isolated. Plasmid with the correct insert, as determined by restriction

analysis and sequence analysis, was then used as the final product.

3.   The 4.616 kb intron 3 homology fragment was ligated into the pBS KS+ mother plasmid

20   (step 2) and represented the 5' arm of the collision construct. Isolation of this fragment from the

PCR2.1 cloning vector and ligation into the Kpn I and Xho I sites of the mother plasmid is

described above in Example 2, step 7d.

4.   The ricin A toxin gene (Figure 8) was inserted into a commercially available mammalian

expression vector, *e.g.*, pcDNAI/Amp (Invitrogen). The insert was then excised with the CMV

promoter and the SV40 poly A site and cloned into the Not I site of the recombinant plasmid by

blunt end ligation, following Klenow fill in reactions on both the insert and vector.

5   5.   Following ligation, the recombinant plasmid DNA was used to transform a suitable

bacterial host (XLI-blue, Strategene). The bacteria were cultured, and plasmid DNA isolated.

This final construct DNA was then linearized with Kpn I (a unique enzyme site in the plasmid

MCS outside of the construct sequence). Linearized plasmid may be used to transfect porcine

embryonic fibroblasts, transgenic porcine fibroblasts, or porcine embryonic stem cells, or porcine

10   primordial germ cells. Cell clones resistant to puromycin may be screened by PCR to determine

the site of integration by methods well known to those of skill in the art. A primer located in the

region of intron 4 not incorporated into the final construct may be used in combination with a 5'

puromycin gene primer. Only targeted insertions yield the appropriate size PCR fragment. All

other integration events produce a negative result.

15   Cell clones with a targeted insertion may then be used to generate transgenic animals

using nuclear transfer techniques, or in the case of stem cells, used to inject into developing

blastocysts and produce chimeric offspring.

EXAMPLE 4

Isolation of porcine genomic DNA encoding the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene from a

20   Lambda phage clone library.

       In this example, a pig genomic library was screened using a cDNA corresponding to exon

4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene using molecular biology techniques that are well

known to those skilled in the art (*e.g.*, Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*). A pig genomic library (Clontech, Palo

Alto, CA) was obtained and screened with a PCR fragment derived from exon 4 of the porcine Gal

α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene. Exon 4 was labeled with ^{32}P dCTP using the Random Prime Kit

(Stratagene, La Jolla, CA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Approximately 4

5   million phage forming units were screened and unique clones that contain exon 4 sequences as

determined by Southern blotting were isolated. Clones obtained by this procedure contained

inserts 15-40kb in length. These clones, designated pgGT, lambda 1, lambda 2, lambda 4-1 and

lambda 8-2. Five vectors comprising unique, overlapping nucleotide sequences which span the

entire the pig Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene from within intron 3 through intron 8 have

10   been deposited with the ATCC: (1) a 1.6 kb insert within intron 3 of the extreme 5' end of the

18.275 kb lambda-2 phage clone, (2) a 6.7 kb HindIII fragment spanning intron 3 to intron 4 of

the 18.275 kb lambda-2 phage clone, (3) a 4 kb HindIII fragment following the 6.7 kb fragment 2

of the 18.275 lambda-2 phage clone, (4) a 6 kb HindIII-SalI fragment at the 3' most portion of

the 18.275 lambda-2 phage clone, and (5) a 13 kb fragment of the lambda-2 phage clone

15   spanning exon 7 to exon 9. These five vectors were deposited with ATCC on 29 September 2000

with accession numbers _____, respectively. Subclones of the

various inserts were used to generate the claimed intron sequences from within intron 3 to intron

8 as provided in Figure 1 using molecular biology techniques well-known to those skilled in the

art (see *e.g.*, Sambrook *et al.*, *supra*). These sequences may be used to determine regions of

20   sequence homology in design of targeting constructs for modulation of the pig Gal α(1,3)

galactosyl transferase gene

Although the compositions and methods provided herein have been set forth in detail, one

skilled in the art will recognize that numerous changes and modifications may be made, and that

such changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope

thereof.

We Claim:

1.   A method of modulating the expression of a eukaryotic gene in a cell, comprising

transfecting said cell with a nucleic acid construct, said construct comprising a first

construct sequence homologous to a first gene sequence, a sequence encoding a selectable

5   marker, and a second construct sequence homologous to a second gene sequence, wherein said

first and second gene sequences independently comprise at least a portion of one or more intron

regions of said eukaryotic gene, and

integrating said selectable marker into said eukaryotic gene,

wherein expression of said selectable marker results in modulation of expression of said

10   eukaryotic gene in said cell.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct

sequence are each homologous to at least a portion of an intron region of the gene.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker is integrated

into said eukaryotic gene by homologous recombination, wherein said first construct sequence

15   recombines with said first gene sequence and said second construct sequence recombines with

said second gene sequence to insert the selectable marker into the gene.

4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising screening said cell for expression of said

selectable marker.

5.   The method of claim 2, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct

20   sequence are homologous to different regions from within the same intron of the gene.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct sequence are homologous to regions of different introns.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said selectable marker gene is an antibiotic resistance gene.

5   8. The method of claim 1, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker is a nucleotide sequence which, when expressed, confers a phenotype selected from the group consisting of ampicillin resistance, kanamycin resistance, gentecin resistance, neomycin resistance, puromycin resistance, hygromycin b resistance, thymidine kinase activity, tryptophan synthetase activity, adenine phosphribosyltransferase activity, dihydrofolate reductase activity, 10 and histidinol dehydrogenase, anthocyanin, bets-glucuronidase and luciferase.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker confers neomycin resistance or puromycin resistance.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said eukaryotic gene is selected from the group consisting of genes encoding B7.3, P-selectin, E-selectin, ICAM-1, ICAM-2, VCAM-1, CD28, 15 CD80, CD86, CD154, major histocompatibility complex class I ß-2-microglobulin, invariant chain, caspase-1 caspase-3, and Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said eukaryotic gene encodes Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene is a porcine 20 gene.

13.   The method of claim 12, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct

sequence are independently selected from homologous regions of the intron selected from the

group consisting of intron 3, intron 4, intron 5, intron 6, intron 7, intron 8, and intron 9 of the

porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

5   14.   The method of claim 13, wherein intron 4 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides

4938-11716 in Figure 1.

15.   The method of claim 13, wherein intron 5 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides

11753-13748 in Figure 1.

16.   The method of claim 13, wherein intron 6 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides

10   13810-14358 in Figure 1.

17.   The method of claim 13, wherein intron 7 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides

14463-21627 in Figure 1.

18.   The method of claim 13, wherein intron 8 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 21766-

27048 in Figure 1.

15   19.   The method of claim 13, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct

sequence are homologous to different regions within the same intron of the eukaryotic gene.

20.   The method of claim 19, wherein said intron is intron 3 of the porcine Gal α(1,3)

galactosyl transferase gene.

21.   The method of claim 13, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct

20   sequence are homologous to different introns of porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

22.   The method of claim 21, wherein said first construct sequence is upstream of said second construct sequence.

23.   The method of claim 21, wherein said first construct intron region is homologous to an intron 3 region and said second construct intron region is homologous to an intron 4 region of

5   porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

24.   The method of claim 2, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker is a promoterless gene.

25.   The method of claim 2, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker further comprises a promoter.

10   26.   The method of claim 25, wherein said promoter is a phoshoglycerate kinase (PGK) promoter.

27.   The method of claim 2, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker is transcribed in the opposite orientation relative to the orientation of said eukaryotic gene.

28.   The method of claim 27, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker further

15   comprises a promoter sequence.

29.   The method of claim 1, wherein said cell is selected from the group consisting of a fibroblast, epithelial cell, endothelial cell, transgenic embryonic fibroblast, embryonic stem cell, and primordial germ cell.

30.   The method of claim 2, wherein said cell is a porcine cell.

31.   The method of claim 2, wherein said construct further comprises an AG dinucleotide splice acceptor site.

32.   The method of claim 2, wherein said construct further comprises a GT dinucleotide splice

5   donor site.

33.   A nucleic acid construct comprising a first construct sequence homologous to a first gene sequence, a sequence encoding a selectable marker, and a second construct sequence homologous to a second gene sequence, wherein said first and second gene sequences independently comprise at least a portion of one or more intron regions of a eukaryotic gene.

10   34.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 33, further comprising an AG dinucleotide splice acceptor site.

35.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 33, further comprising a GT dinucleotide splice donor site.

36.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 33, further comprising a Kozak consensus sequence.

15   37.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 33, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker is a nucleotide sequence, which when expressed, confers a phenotype selected from the group consisting of ampicillin resistance, kanamycin resistance, gentecin resistance, neomycin resistance, puromycin resistance, hygromycin b resistance, thymidine kinase activity, tryptophan synthetase activity, adenine phosphribosyltransferase activity, dihydrofolate reductase activity,

20   and histidinol dehydrogenase, anthocyanin, bets-glucuronidase and luciferase.

38.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 37, wherein said sequence encoding a selectable marker confers puromycin resistance or neomycin resistance.

39.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 33, wherein said eukaryotic gene is selected from the genes encoding B7.3, P-selectin, E-selectin, ICAM-1, ICAM-2, VCAM-1, CD28, CD80, CD86,

5   CD154, major histocompatibility complex class I ß-2-microglobulin, invariant chain, caspase-1, caspase-3, and Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

40.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 39, wherein said eukaryotic gene is porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

41.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 40, wherein said first construct sequence and said

10   second construct sequence are independently selected from homologous regions of the intron selected from the group consisting of intron 3, intron 4, intron 5, intron 6, intron 7, intron 8, and intron 9 of the porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

42.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 41, wherein intron 4 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 4938-11716 in Figure 1, intron 5 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 11753-

15   13748 in Figure 1, intron 6 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 13810-14358 in Figure 1, intron 7 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 14463-21627 in Figure 1, and intron 8 has the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 21766-27048 in Figure 1.

43.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 41, wherein said first construct sequence and said second construct sequence are homologous to different regions within the same intron of the

20   eukaryotic gene.

44.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 43, wherein said intron is intron 3 of the porcine Gal

α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene.

45.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 41, wherein said first construct sequence and said

second construct sequence are homologous to different introns of porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl

5   transferase gene.

46.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 45, wherein said first construct sequence is

homologous to an intron 3 region and said second construct sequence is homologous to an intron

4 region of porcine Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase.

47.   A cell transfected with the nucleic acid construct of claim 33.

10   48.   A cell transfected with the nucleic acid construct of claim 41.

49.   A cell transfected with the nucleic acid construct of claim 44.

50.   A cell transfected with the nucleic acid construct of claim 46.

51.   A bacterial cell transformed with the nucleic acid construct of claim 33.

52.   A bacterial cell transformed with the nucleic acid construct of claim 41.

15   53.   A bacterial cell transformed with the nucleic acid construct of claim 44.

55.   A bacterial cell transformed with the nucleic acid construct of claim 46.

56.   A nucleotide sequence of intron 4 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene having

nucleotides 4938-11716 in Figure 1.

57. A nucleotide sequence of intron 5 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene having nucleotides 11753-13748 in Figure 1.

58. A nucleotide sequence of intron 6 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene having nucleotides 13810-14358 in Figure 1.

5   59. A nucleotide sequence of intron 7 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene having nucleotides 14463-21627 in Figure 1.

60. A nucleotide sequence of intron 8 of the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene having nucleotides 21766-27048 in Figure 1.

61. A lambda phage clone derived from a porcine genomic library comprising at least a portion of

10   the Gal α(1,3) galactosyl transferase gene, wherein the lambda phage clone is selected from the group . consisting of pgGT, lambda 1, lambda 2, lambda 4-1 and lambda 8-2.

62. A method of making a transgenic mammal comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with the nucleic acid construct of claim 33, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating said embryo into an

15   appropriate host mammal, and generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal.

63. A method of making a transgenic mammal comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with the nucleic acid construct of claim 44, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating said embryo into an appropriate host mammal, and generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal.

64.   A method of making a transgenic mammal comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with

the nucleic acid construct of claim 46, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the

construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating embryo into an appropriate

host mammal, and generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal.

5   65.   A transgenic mammal made according to the method of claim 62.

66.   A transgenic mammal made according to the method of claim 63.

67.   A transgenic mammal made according to the method of claim 64.

68.   A method of reducing transplant rejection comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with

the nucleic acid construct of claim 32, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the

10   construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating embryo into an appropriate

host mammal, generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal, harvesting cells, tissue, or

organs from said offspring, and transplanting said harvested cells, tissue, or organs into a patient in

need thereof.

69.   A method of reducing transplant rejection comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with

15   the nucleic acid construct of claim 44, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the

construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating embryo into an appropriate

host mammal, generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal, harvesting cells, tissue, or

organs from said offspring, and transplanting said harvested cells, tissue, or organs into a patient in

need thereof.

20   70.   A method of reducing transplant rejection comprising transfecting a nuclear donor cell with

the nucleic acid construct of claim 46, selecting for transfected cells comprising the nucleic acid of the

construct, introducing said selected cells into an embryo, impregnating embryo into an appropriate

host mammal, generating offspring from said impregnated host mammal, harvesting cells, tissue, or organs from said offspring, and transplanting said harvested cells, tissue, or organs into a patient in need thereof.

71.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 43, further comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a gene which is toxic to said eukaryotic cell

72.   The nucleic acid construct of claim 71, wherein said gene which is toxic to said eukaryotic cell is the ricin A toxin gene.

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Figure 1

Sequence from within Intron 3 to the end of intron 8

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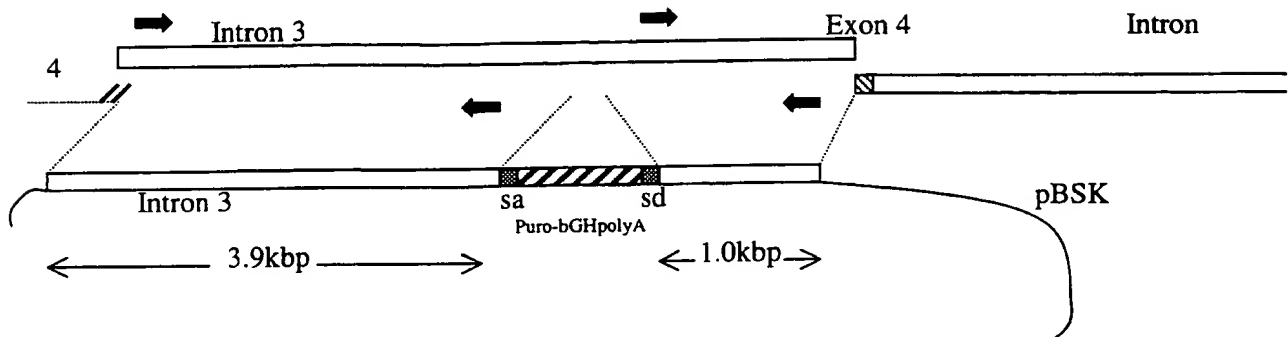
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Figure 2

Promoter trap Construct: Insertion of Engineered exon into the intron of a gene.

Endogenous alpha-Gal transferase gene diagram

PCR Primers ➡

sa = splice acceptor

sd = splice donor

pBSK = pBluescript cloning vector

Puro-bGHpolyA ▨   = puromycin resistance with the bovine Growth hormone gene ploy A
acceptor signal sequence

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Figure 3

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        10         20         30         40         50
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        60         70         80         90        100
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CCTAGTTAATCTCCAGGTGGTAGGGAAAGGACTTACGGATTCCGGTCTAT

       110        120        130        140        150
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       310        320        330        340        350
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     4010       4020
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B.

Ligated to the following intron 4 splice acceptor sequence

Intron 4 splice acceptor sequence

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     11710
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C.

Ligated to Neomycin Resistance gene

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D.

Ligated to the intron 4 splice donor sequence

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E.

Ligated to intron 3 3' sequence

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     4660      4670      4680      4690      4700
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Figure 4

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Figure 5

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Figure 6
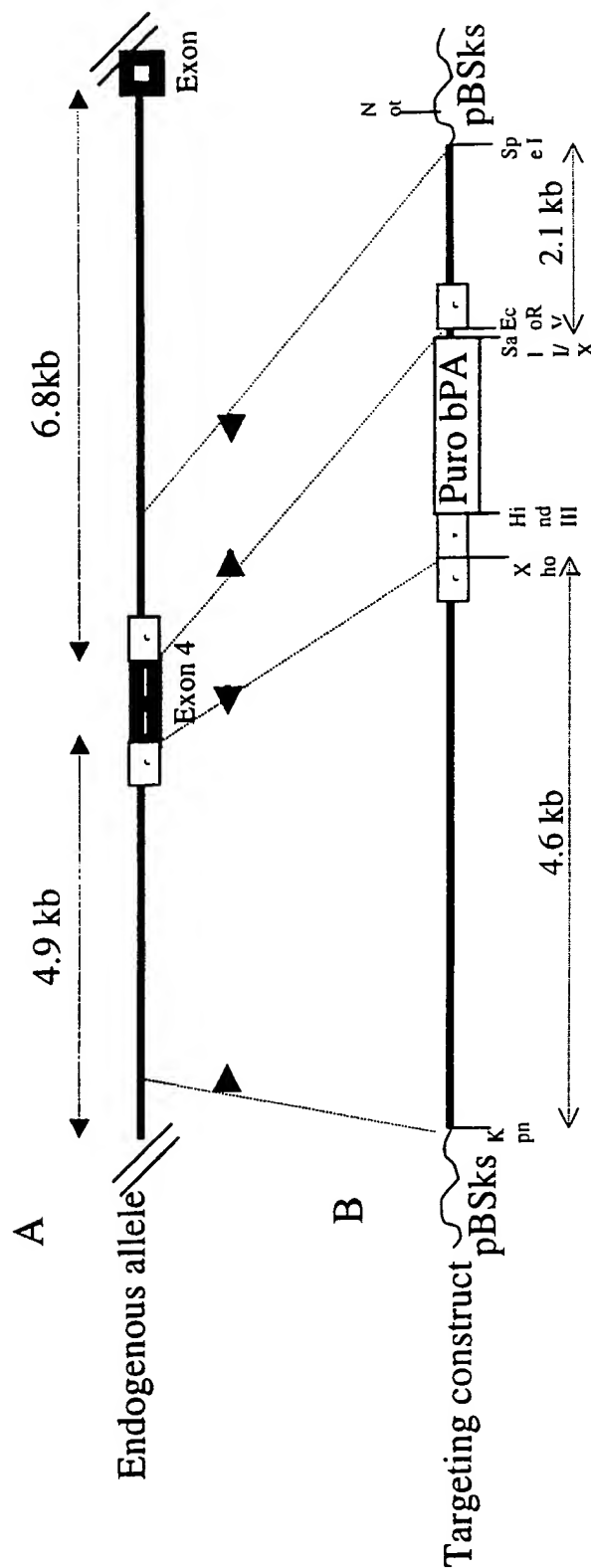
▲ : PCR primer positions

SA: splice acceptor, AG dinucleotide
SD: splice donor, GT dinucleotide
KCS: Kozak concensus sequence
Puro bpA: puromycin gene coding sequence and
          bovine growth hormone poly A signal sequence
pBS: Bluescript cloning vector

Figure 7

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Figure 8

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Figure 9

Galα1-3Galactosyl Transferase Collision Intron Targeting Construct

A

Endogenous allele

Exon 4   Exon 5

4.9 kb   6.8kb

B

Targeting construct

pBSks K pn

4.6 kb

hpolvA-   P

Xho l   HoR pav   EcoR   Spe l   Not

2.1 kb

CMV.Ricin-

pBSks+

▲ : PCR primer positions
SA: splice acceptor, AG dinucleotide
SD: splice donor, GT dinucleotide
PGK-Puro-bpA: PGK promoter, puromycin gene coding sequence
    and bovine growth hormone poly A signal sequence
pBS KS+: Bluescript cloning vector
CMV-Ricin-SV40pA: CMV promoter, Ricin gene and SV40 poly A